



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Sixth Regular Session

3:15 P.M.

THURSDAY, May 1, 2003

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol.

Speaker Pro Tempore Freese in the chair.

The Assembly dispensed with the call of the roll.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 159** offered by committee on **Highway Safety**.

Assembly amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 159** offered by committee on **Highway Safety**.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 288** offered by Representative Staskunas.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 03-024

Relating to the expenditure limitation for dentures under the health care aid grant program.

Submitted by Department of Veterans Affairs.

Report received from Agency, April 23, 2003.

To committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Referred on May 1, 2003.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Resolution 18

Relating to: the life of Pianist John Browning of Sister Bay, Wisconsin.

By Representatives Bies, Albers, Hahn, Jeskewitz, Krawczyk, Ladwig, M. Lehman, McCormick, Miller, Owens, Petrowski and Stone.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 31

Relating to: supporting the admission of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

By Representatives Kreibich, Lassa, Suder, Hines, Musser, Townsend, McCormick and Owens; cosponsored by Senators Zien, Darling, Schultz and Risser.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 306

Relating to: writing bad checks and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Suder, Albers, Bies, Gunderson, Hahn, Ladwig, LeMahieu, Musser, Olsen, Owens, Seratti, Townsend, Van Roy, Weber and Ziegelbauer; cosponsored by Senators Welch, Kanavas, Reynolds, Roessler, Schultz and Stepp.

To committee on **Criminal Justice**.

Assembly Bill 307

Relating to: fees received by a register of deeds.

By Representatives Musser, Hines, Ott, Pettis and Plouff; cosponsored by Senator Wirsch.

To committee on **Government Operations and Spending Limitations**.

Assembly Bill 308

Relating to: the prohibition of certain billing practices for consumer goods or services, lawn care service contracts, granting rule-making authority, and providing penalties.

By Representatives Jeskewitz, Berceau, Miller, Hahn, M. Lehman, Van Roy, Cullen, Musser, Ladwig, Olsen, Sinicki, Huber, Seratti, Ott, J. Wood, J. Lehman, Gielow, Ainsworth, Plouff, Bies, Townsend, Hines, Gronemus, Balow, Hundertmark, Albers and Gunderson; cosponsored by Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Schultz and Harsdorf.

To committee on **Small Business**.

Assembly Bill 309

Relating to: the supplement to the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit and the state historic rehabilitation tax credit.

By Representatives Schooff, Turner, Richards, Shilling, Pocan, Freese, Berceau, Plouff, Hines, Albers, Balow, Zepnick, Gielow and Huber; cosponsored by Senator Breske.

To committee on **Housing**.

Assembly Bill 310

Relating to: verification of voters whose names do not appear on registration lists.

By Representatives Stone, Jensen, Albers, Jeskewitz, Freese, McCormick, Hines and Gunderson; cosponsored by Senators Lazich and Stepp.

To committee on **Campaigns and Elections**.

Assembly Bill 311

Relating to: reduction in amount recoverable by a liquidator from a reinsurer.

By Representatives Ladwig, Weber, Ainsworth, Hahn, Hines, Huber, Petrowski, Schooff, Townsend, Van Roy, Vruwink and Wieckert; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Breske, Cowles, Decker, Hansen and Roessler.

To committee on **Insurance**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Natural Resources** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 200

Relating to: restrictions on promulgating or enforcing certain rules regulating the sighting of a firearm.

Passage:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Johnsrud, Gunderson, Ott, Pettis, Bies, M. Williams, Black and Steinbrink.

Noes: 1 – Representative Miller.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 228

Relating to: environmental compliance audits, environmental management systems, providing incentives for improving environmental performance, providing immunity from civil penalties for certain violations of environmental requirements, access to certain information, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Johnsrud, Gunderson, Ott, Pettis, Bies and M. Williams.

Noes: 3 – Representatives Black, Steinbrink and Miller.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Johnsrud, Gunderson, Ott, Pettis, Bies and M. Williams.

Noes: 3 – Representatives Black, Steinbrink and Miller.

To committee on **Rules**.

DUWAYNE JOHNSRUD
Chairperson
Committee on Natural Resources

The committee on **Transportation** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 21

Relating to: transporting loads on a highway in vehicles equipped with dump bodies and providing a penalty.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 11 – Representatives Ainsworth, Petrowski, Ott, Hahn, Friske, McCormick, Gottlieb, Steinbrink, Vruwink, Hebl and Zepnick.

Noes: 1 – Representative Suder.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Ainsworth, Ott, Hahn, Friske, McCormick, Gottlieb, Hebl and Zepnick.

Noes: 4 – Representatives Petrowski, Suder, Steinbrink and Vruwink.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 88

Relating to: prohibited alcohol concentration.

Passage:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Ainsworth, Ott, Hahn, McCormick, Gottlieb, Steinbrink, Hebl and Zepnick.

Noes: 4 – Representatives Petrowski, Suder, Friske and Vruwink.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 90

Relating to: enforcement of motor vehicle safety belt violations and providing a penalty.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 12 – Representatives Ainsworth, Petrowski, Ott, Hahn, Suder, Friske, McCormick, Gottlieb, Steinbrink, Vruwink, Hebl and Zepnick.

Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Ainsworth, Ott, Hahn, McCormick, Gottlieb, Steinbrink, Hebl and Zepnick.

Noes: 4 – Representatives Petrowski, Suder, Friske and Vruwink.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 268

Relating to: designating and marking a portion of STH 19 as the Georgia O’Keefe Memorial Highway.

Passage:

Ayes: 11 – Representatives Ainsworth, Petrowski, Ott, Hahn, Friske, McCormick, Gottlieb, Steinbrink, Vruwink, Hebl and Zepnick.

Noes: 1 – Representative Suder.

To committee on **Rules**.

JOHN AINSWORTH
Chairperson
Committee on Transportation

COMMUNICATIONS

April 29, 2003

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
208 RJC

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I am writing to you to be added as a co-sponsor to two Assembly Bills. I would like to be added to:

Assembly Bill 96 – relating to: actions against sport shooting range owners or operators, against gun or sportsman’s clubs, and against manufacturers, importers, trade associations, or dealers of firearms, firearm components, or firearm ammunition.

Assembly Bill 63 – relating to: employment discrimination based on creed and exemption from liability and discipline for pharmacists who refuse to dispense for abortions, assisted suicides, and euthanasia.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
ROB KREIBICH
State Representative
93rd Assembly

April 29, 2003

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
Room 208, Risser Justice Center

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I wanted to let you know that Representative-Elect Lena Taylor will be officially sworn in on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, and will be voting on Tuesday’s calendar. Representative Taylor will be occupying seat number 67. Please update the seating chart to reflect this addition. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,
ROBERT L. TURNER
State Representative
61st Assembly District

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services
Madison

April 25, 2003

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

The Bureau of Health Information, Department of Health and Family Services, is pleased to submit to the Governor and the Legislature the *Health Care Data Report, 2001*. The data for this report were collected under section 153.05, Wisconsin

Statutes, and are published as authorized by the requirements of section 120.20, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

This report is based on data reported quarterly to the Bureau of Health Information by all operating general medical-surgical and specialty hospitals and Medicare-certified, freestanding ambulatory surgery centers in Wisconsin. It presents a summary of data on utilization and charges at those facilities in 2001.

Sincerely,
HELENE NELSON
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Health**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

April 29, 2003

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

As required by s. 16.045 (5) Wis. Stats., I am submitting the twelfth *Wisconsin Gasohol and Alternative Fuel Use Report* for distribution to the appropriate standing committees.

Should you or Legislative members have questions, please contact Peter Bock, Administrator, Division of Energy, at 608 266-7257.

Sincerely,
MARC MAROTTA
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Rural Affairs**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

April 29, 2003

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

As required by [1999 Wisconsin Act 9](#), we have completed an evaluation of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, which is a statewide educational resource for students with visual impairments and for their parents and teachers. Act 9 created the Center and directed it to continue to operate the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped, which is a residential school in Janesville; to offer youth and adult summer programs; and to provide outreach services to school districts statewide. In fiscal year (FY) 2001-02, the Center spent \$7.1 million and had 95.1 authorized full-time equivalent staff positions. Outreach activities accounted for \$1.4 million, or 19.7 percent, of expenditures in FY 2001-02.

Enrollment in the residential school increased from 62 students in the 1997-98 school year to 84 students in the 2001-02 school year; however, most students with visual

impairments attend local school districts. Increasing short-term residential school enrollments is one of the Center's goals, but only 3.6 percent of students attended the residential school for 36 days or less in 2001-02.

The Center has made a number of the programmatic changes that were included in a May 2000 transition plan for implementing the provisions of Act 9, and it plans to make more. However, it does not expect to implement all of the plan's objectives, because the needs of students and educators have changed since the plan was developed. We include recommendations to assist the residential school in meeting its goal of providing more short-term enrollments and to make the Center's oversight of summer programs more effective. We also include a recommendation for the Center to provide the Joint Legislative Audit Committee with a strategic plan that sets program priorities and establishes quantitative measures by which progress can be assessed.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Department of Public Instruction. Its response follows the appendix.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Richards moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 6.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

3:16 P.M.